

RAC AGENDA – September 2021

Revised August 26, 2021



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair **ACTION**
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
- ~~5. Emerging Technologies Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
- Wyatt Bubak, Law Enforcement Captain~~
- ~~6. Big Game R657-5 Rule Amendments **ACTION**
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator~~
7. Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations
- Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator **ACTION**
8. 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region
- Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

- Roundtail Chub – NER, SER, and SR Only **INFORMATIONAL**
- Craig Walker, Aquatic Section Asst. Chief

**Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>
Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.**

CR RAC – August 31st, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/wVcHxDivdVI>

SER RAC – September 8th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/RQD2XEFzIKY>

NR RAC – September 1st, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/mheOreLQI0c>

NER RAC – September 9th, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal
<https://youtu.be/yes5YSdxtuM>

SR RAC – September 7th, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtu.be/xWr2AcMpVuQ>

Board Meeting – September 30th, 9:00 AM
Dept. of Natural Resources
1594 W. North Temple, SLC
<https://youtu.be/S5VYGrxlq4c>



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 20, 2021
To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members
From: Riley Peck, Once in a lifetime species coordinator
Subject: Once in a lifetime season dates and hunt structure

Big game season dates and hunt structure are reviewed annually. These recommendations are traditionally presented during the November RAC and Board. In an effort to simplify the November meetings, we are recommending once in a lifetime species hunt structure and season dates in September.

Recommended changes for bison:

- New units in the book cliffs
 - The south portion of the Bitter Creek unit including the Roadless area. This new boundary will be called the Book Cliffs Little Creek/South.
 - The remaining portion of the Book Cliffs, everything to the north of that boundary, will be called the Book Cliffs Bitter Creek.
- The season dates for the bison hunts are recommended to be similar to last year and only adjusted to the new calendar year.

Recommended changes for bighorn sheep:

- Combining the Zion bighorn hunts
 - This change is due to decreased permit numbers and results in a longer season for sheep hunters.
- The season dates for the bighorn sheep hunts are recommended to be similar to last year and only adjusted to the new calendar year.
- As a general reminder, per our agreement with Nevada, 2022 will be their turn for the Pilot Mountain bighorn sheep permit.

Recommended changes for moose and mountain goat

- There are no recommended changes for moose or mountain goat.
- Season dates for both species have been adjusted for calendar year.



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| | *Nonresidents may only hunt the Kaiparowits East and Escalante subunits | | | | |
| | †Nonresidents may hunt both the San Rafael, North and San Rafael, South subunits | | | | |
| | §Nonresidents may hunt both the San Rafael, Dirty Devil and the Henry Mtns units | | | | |
| | Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep | | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | Hunt # | Hunt Name | Season Dates | Nonres Permits | Notes |
| 15 | RS6701 | Book Cliffs, South | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | y | |
| 20 | RS6703 | Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn | Oct. 8–Oct. 28 | y | |
| 20 | RS6704 | Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn | Oct. 30–Nov. 19 | n | |
| | RS6702 | Box Elder, Pilot Mtn | Sept. 1–Oct. 29 | n | No permit again in 2022 - Nevada will have the next permit when populations allow. |
| 620 | RS6724 | Wasatch Mtns, West | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| 616 | RS6725 | Central Mtns, Nebo | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| 668 | RS6720 | Fillmore, Oak Creek | Oct. 8–Oct. 28 | n | |
| 668 | RS6726 | Fillmore, Oak Creek | Oct. 29–Nov. 18 | y | |
| 821 | RS6712 | Nine Mile, Gray Canyon | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | y | |
| 820 | RS6713 | Nine Mile, Jack Creek | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| 140 | RS6708 | North Slope, Three Corners | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| 143 | RS6709 | North Slope, Summit/West Daggett | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| 75 | RS6721 | Oquirrh-Stansbury, West | Oct. 29–Nov. 29 | n | |
| | Archery Hunts | | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | Hunt # | Hunt Name | Season Dates | Nonres Permits | Notes |
| 20 | RS6722 | Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (archery) | Nov. 19–Dec. 11 | n | |
| 668 | RS6727 | Fillmore, Oak Creek (archery) | Nov. 19–Dec. 11 | n | |
| | Mountain Goat | | | | |
| | Any Legal Weapon Hunts | | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | Hunt # | Hunt Name | Season Dates | Nonres Permits | Notes |
| 628 | GO6800 | Beaver | Sept. 10–Oct. 2 | y | |
| 628 | GO6801 | Beaver | Oct. 1–Nov. 14 | n | |
| 616 | GO6803 | Central Mtns, Nebo | Oct. 1–Nov. 30 | y | |
| 102 | GO6804 | Chalk Creek/Kamas, Uintas | Sept. 10–Oct. 31 | y | |
| 617 | GO6817 | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | y | |
| 630 | GO6814 | Mt Dutton | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| 145 | GO6805 | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central | Sept. 10–Oct. 31 | y | |
| 146 | GO6806 | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East | Sept. 10–Oct. 31 | n | |
| 147 | GO6807 | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak | Sept. 10–Oct. 31 | n | |
| 148 | GO6808 | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West | Sept. 10–Oct. 31 | y | |
| 157 | GO6810 | Ogden, Willard Peak | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| 225 | GO6818 | Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| 231 | GO6819 | Wasatch Mtns, Lone Peak | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| 233 | GO6813 | Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| 200 | GO6820 | Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogus | Sept 10–Nov. 30 | n | |
| | Archery Hunts | | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 |
| | Hunt # | Hunt Name | Season Dates | Nonres Permits | Notes |
| 145 | GO6815 | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central (archery) | Aug. 20–Sept. 9 | n | |
| 616 | GO6821 | Central Mtns, Nebo (archery) | Sept. 10–Oct. 2 | y | |
| | (y) At least one nonresident permit in 2022 | | | | |
| | (n) No nonresident permit in 2022 | | | | |
| | NOTE: Permit numbers will be determined in May 2022 | | | | |



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 18, 2021

To: Regional Advisory Council Members and Wildlife Board

From: Chris Penne, Regional Aquatics Manager, Northern Region,
Randy Oplinger, Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator, and
Craig Walker, Assistant Fisheries Chief, Sport Fisheries Program

SUBJECT: 2022 Fishing Regulation Proposals

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) normally makes changes to fishing regulations during odd numbered editions of the fishing guidebook (i.e., 2021, 2023, etc.). There are special circumstances in the Northern Region that is prompting the UDWR to recommend guidebook changes in 2022. The first recommended change is at Bear Lake. The UDWR's recommendation was developed in collaboration with Idaho Fish and Game. The intention is to simultaneously enact the same regulation change in both states so there can be consistency in regulations in both states. This simplifies regulations for anglers. The second recommended change is at the Pond at Willard Bay. This is a new fishery and there is a need to institute an opening date and harvest regulations at this pond.

The UDWR is recommending the following changes to the 2022 fishing guidebook:

Bear Lake (Rich County):

Remove: "Cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings with all fins intact must be immediately released. Only cutthroat trout that have had one or more healed fins clipped may be kept. To learn how to identify cutthroat



trout in this water, see the description of Bear Lake cutthroat trout on page 50.”

The Pond at Willard Bay (Box Elder County):

Add: “Closed to fishing until 6 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2022.”

Add: “Limit 5 bluegill.”

Add: “Limit 1 channel catfish.”

Add: “Limit 1 largemouth bass.”

